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# MEMORANDUM

## OF FIFTH MEETING

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## Agenda

1. Editing the Memorandum of the second JCCRER meeting.
2. On implementation of decisions of the fourth EC meeting, July 10-11, 1996.
3. Resolution US and RF SRGs comments on projects.
4. Workshop for resolution of Direction 1 problems identified by SRGs.
5. Report on future activities under Direction 3.
6. Funding issues:
  - Budgetary Guidelines
  - Taxation
  - Information on available funding
  - Mechanism(s) of financing
  - Budgetary statements for long-term projects
7. Organizational issues:
  - Intragovernmental (US) relations.
  - US - RF co-operation with new US JCCRER structure.
  - Full list of US and RF organizations involved in JCCRER.
  - FEMA/DOE/EMERCOM coordination
  - Development of infrastructure for support of co-operation.
  - Communication
  - Public involvement
  - Dosimetric data base
8. Data access issues
9. Scheduling of the next JCCRER meeting in US.
10. Choosing the place and date of the sixth EC meeting.
11. Operation between EC meetings

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The fifth meeting of the Executive Committee to the Joint Coordinating Committee for Radiation Effects Research (JCCRER) was held in Moscow, Russia (list of participants, Attachment I). The issues discussed were in accordance with the attached Agenda of the Meeting.

The following decisions were reached for each of the following issues.

1. **Editing the Memorandum of the second JCCRER meeting.**  
Memorandum of the second JCCRER meeting, including attachments, was reviewed, prepared, and approved for signing.
2. **On implementation of decisions of the fourth EC meeting, July 10-11, 1996.**  
A list of the fourth EC meeting decisions was reviewed. Implementation of all items was either completed or substantial progress had been achieved.
3. **Resolution of US and RF SRGs comments on projects.**  
EC anticipates that the revised proposals will satisfactorily address the comments made by both RF and US SRGs. It was concluded that any differences that remained should be referred to US chair and RF co-ordinator for resolution after second reviewing of revised proposals.
4. **Workshop for resolution of Direction 1 problems identified by SRGs.**  
It was decided that a Workshop in the US should be conducted in January 1997 to resolve the issues regarding Projects 1.1 and 1.2b and 1.2c that are considered in both SRGs comments. 3 principal researchers and 3 members of the SRG and the EC from each side will be charged with reformulation of the scope of work for the projects so that funding can be made available for these projects in FY 1997. EC co-chairs will set dates, location, list of participants, funding and objectives for the workshop before November 8, 1996.
5. **Report on future activities under Direction 3.**  
It was decided that a report of the recommendations regarding future work will be generated at the workshop, "Response to Radiation Accidents", to be held in Washington, DC, on November 12 - 14, 1996. This report will be prepared before January 1, 1997.
6. **Funding issues**
  - EC supported the proposed US Budgetary Guidelines (Attachment II) and entrusted the EC co-chairs to approve it after completion of negotiations with responsible organizations within 30 days.
  - EC reinforced the importance of implementation of no-tax policy for further stable funding. The details of US concerns and RF taxation regulations were

clarified. EC accepts the explanation of the Russian side on taxation in different organizations and encourages the Russian EC to help FIB-1 finalize resolution of relevant tax problems.

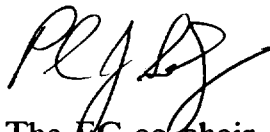
- EC understands that the level of funding available for FY 97 is not sufficient to support all long term project work in full scale. Effective use of available funds is crucial for initiating the long term projects in the next year.
- EC recognizes that different funding mechanisms may be used to support different projects. Choice of the most effective and efficient way of financing may be different for each project.
- The US side emphasized the importance of developing budgetary statements for long-term projects by June 1997 to identify the support needed for these projects in US FYs 1998 and 1999.

#### 7. Organizational issues

- The US side informed Russian side on changes in interagency relations in the US JCCRER structure. It is no longer necessary for EC to reach consensus on each project that an organization is willing to fund. The primary role of JCCRER and EC is coordination and information exchange.
- The RF side expressed preparedness to work with new US JCCRER structure, but emphasized the importance of coordination at the Russian EC level in order to have fruitful cooperation.
- The parties agreed to prepare a full list of US and RF participating organizations and their respective projects to be conducted under the auspices of JCCRER in the next 60 days. Both parties agreed that "MAYAK" should be added to the list of participating RF organizations.
- The EC was informed of a new agreement between the EMERCOM and the US DOE Emergency Management and FEMA in the area of response to radiation accidents. The EC agreed that the possibility of cooperation under this agreement should be vigorously pursued.
- The parties agreed that DOE and IBRAE should develop a clear statement of tasks to be performed in the course of providing administrative support to various JCCRER research projects in the RF.
- The EC agreed with the content of the new Blue Book to be printed and distributed by IBRAE within 30 days. The desire was expressed to set up a JCCRER web-site on the INTERNET and to improve electronic communications and circulation of information between participating organizations and researchers. The US EC members emphasized the importance of coordination and communication between all the JCCRER/EC members to ensure coordination among participants in these projects. It was emphasized that all relevant communication should be distributed to all EC and JCCRER members.
- The EC strategy endorsed the importance of ensuring the work being conducted under Direction 1 to include plans for public participation.

- The EC agreed with the vital importance of developing the dosimetric database in support of projects in Directions 1 and 2. The principal investigators of the newly designated Project 2.4 were charged with developing a full proposal for this project by January 31, 1997.
- 8. Data access issues  
The US side raised an issue regarding access to primary data and provided the corresponding draft statement (Attachment III). The Russian side agreed to circulate the attached draft statement and EC entrusted co-chairs to reach final agreement within 60 days.
- 9. Scheduling of the next JCCRER meeting in US.  
The parties agreed to conduct the next JCCRER meeting in the latter half of March, 1997, in the USA.
- 10. Choosing the place and date of the sixth EC meeting.  
It was agreed that the next EC meeting will be held at the same time and location as the next JCCRER meeting. It was suggested that the EC have one meeting before and another after the JCCRER meeting.
- 11. Operations between EC meetings  
The EC entrusted the EC co-chairs to sign all necessary documents to initiate funding for projects before the next EC meeting.

For the US



The EC co-chair

Paul Seligman

For the RF



The EC co-chair

Leonid Bolshov

## Attachment I

### List of Participants

#### United States Executive Committee (EC) members:

- ☐ Dr. *Paul J. Seligman* - Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Health Studies, U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Co-Chair Representative;
- ☐ Dr. *Shlomo S. Yaniv* - Senior Technical Advisor, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission;
- ☐ Dr. *Peter Henry* - Director, Office of Europe and the NIS, OIRH-OS, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services;
- ☐ Dr. *E. John Ainsworth* - Scientific Director, Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute, U.S. Department of Defense.

#### Russian EC members:

- ☐ Dr. *Leonid Alexandrovich Bolshov* - Director, Russian Academy of Sciences Nuclear Safety Institute and Co-chair;
- ☐ Dr. *Lubov Ivanovna Anissimova* - Advisor to Minister, Ministry of the Russian Federation for Civil Defense Affairs, Emergencies and Elimination of the Consequences of Natural Disasters;
- ☐ Dr. *Mikhail Filippovich Kisselev* - Deputy Director, Federal Department, Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation;
- ☐ Dr. *Alexandr Pavlovich Panfilov* - Division Head, Ministry of the Russian Federation for Atomic Energy.

## Attachment II

### Budget Guidelines For Russian Component of JCCRER Studies

The U.S. is willing to provide a portion of the assistance required to Russian Institutes and scientists conducting collaborative research under the auspice of the JCCRER Agreement.

U.S. assistance will be provided using the following guidelines:

- Fringe benefits for personnel will be set at 44%;
- Cost of value added taxes and other taxes will not be covered in research budgets;
- Indirect costs\* are fixed at 50% of total costs; and
- Personnel costs will be linked to numbers of work for specific tasks;\*\*

\* Indirect costs are those costs that do not directly support personnel working on the project, equipment and supplies needed for the project, and travel directly related to the project.

\*\* Complete "Budget Packages" submitted by each Russian Institute will include documentation of personnel and other costs, as specified by the U.S. funding agency's requirements.

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## **Attachment III**

### **Access To Data -**

#### **Required for the conduct of scientific studies under the JCCRER Agreement**

To ensure the highest quality scientific research conducted in an atmosphere of mutual trust and cooperation between the scientists of the Russian Federation and the United States, it is agreed that primary and original data necessary to conduct the work described under Directions 1, 2 and 3 of the JCCRER agreement will be shared between Russian and American researchers and made available to American scientists. Privacy laws, property rights, and other legal obligations within Russia and the United States governing the access and use of these data and the results obtained from their analyses will be strictly adhered to.

This agreement to share primary data recognizes that:

1. Privacy statutes in Russia and the United States generally do not permit the sharing of personal identifier data.
2. Data are the sole and sovereign property of the institutions and scientists that support these studies and the country and location where the data sets are maintained.
3. No transfer, publications, presentations, press releases or any other form of communication regarding the data and/or the results of these studies will be made without the expressed knowledge, consent, and participation of the institutions maintaining the data sets and the scientists involved in the research.